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OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

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PROPOSALS for Printing the First Volume of the *BRITISH APOLLO* in Octavo which is now in the Press, and will be Publish'd in *Michaelmas-Term* next, are to be had at Mr. *Clark*'s Bookseller in *Birchin-Lane*, near the *Royal-Exchange*, Mr. *Harbin*'s at the *Rose* next Door to the *Globe-Tavern* in the *Strand*, near *Charing-Cross*, and of the Printer hereof, *J. May* over against *Water-Lane Fleet-Street*, or of the Men in their Walks.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *PRAY, Oblige one of your old Subscribers in a Matter Relating to Conscience.*

My Father and Mother were both Quakers *and Died so; I went amongst them till I was Fifteen Years of Age, and used often to make my self Sick, when in Health, because I would not go to their Meetings. About Sixteen Years of Age I was put Apprentice to one of another Opinion; before my time was out, I thought it my Duty to be Baptised, and soon after the Minister made Enquiry after my Conversation, and Encourag'd me to come to the Sacrament, which I did, and have been a Member of the* Church of England *these Ten Years. But within these Two Years I have thought the* Quakers *a very Sober People, and such as Worshipped* God *with a Pure Heart. I have often Slept when hearing Sermons, but I can sit in their Meetings Two Hours and not Sleep, and am very much Affected with their Speaking. This is not a sudden Motion; if so, I might think it was from the* Devil.

Pray, Gentlemen, *Give your speedy Answer, and Real Opinion and Advice in this Matter, and you will highly Oblige,*

Yours to Command, S. S.

A. We Grant with the Querist, that the *Quakers* in Respect to their Life and Conversation are generally a Sober People, but their Opinions in Religion are Dangerously Erroneous, besides that they are *Schismaticks*; so that no one can safely Communicate with them. If we shou'd deny them the Name of *Christians* we shou'd Perhaps be thought too Violent and Severe. But if we shou'd but mention the Strange and Blasphemous Positions which some of their most admired Writers have asserted concerning the Nature of *Christ* as that there never was any such Man in the Flesh as *Christ Jesus* but that what we call so was nothing else but a Divine Light, enlightning the twelve Apostles and enabling them to perform those Miracles that are reported, with such other like Absurdities contradictory to all Sense and Reason, we cou'd, we presume sufficiently justifie that Censure. In short they are a People that have neither Creed, (for it is not agreed among them what to beleive) nor Sacraments, nor Orders, nor any Rule to guide them by but their pretended *Light within*, by the Direction of which several of them have done and uttered such mad and extravagant Things as justly rendred them Examples of Publick Justice. 'Tis true that that Epidemical Frenzy with which the first Founders of this Sect were seized has been of late Years abated: Notwithstanding the Poyson of their Doctrine still continues. We cannot therefore attribute the Querist's Inclination to them to any good Cause, but presume it proceeds either from Diabolical Suggestions, or some Remains of the Prejudice of his first Education, or from self Conceit and Affectation of Singularity, or from (as it does most frequently) from an Ignorance of the Grounds of Religion. So that in order to confirm and settle his Faith, We can only recommend to him Prayer, Humility, and a more diligent Attention both in hearing of Sermons, and reading the Scriptures.

Q. Learned Gentlemen, *There is a most Strange and Wonderful Relation of* Mr. Simon Wolf, *a Patient of* St. Bartholomew's-Hospital, *for the Rheumatism, who fell Asleep about Eleven of the Clock in*

the Clock in the Forenoon, on Saturday *being the* 5th *of* August, 1710, *and he continued in that Sleeping Condition, till* Thursday *the* 10th *of the said Month. Now, some Spectators, imputing this his Sleep to Sloth and Idleness, they made what Noise they cou'd by throwing Stools, Chairs, Tables, Boxes, Trunks,* &c. *about the Room, which besides the Hollowing in his Ears, pricking him with Pins and Needles, pulling him and pinching him by the Nose, Ears, Arms, Legs, and all could not Awake him. This Sleeping Faculty does constantly attend him Yearly in* August *for* 5 *Days together.*

Now, Learned Gentlemen, *If you can Solve what the Reason of it shou'd be, you shall no more be call'd* Learned Gentlemen, *but* Wise Apollo.

Yours, Daniel Day.

A. This Distemper is called by Physicians a *Gatus*, which is defined by them a profound Sleep, in which all Motion and Sense is taken away by Reason of the Obstruction of the Spirits, notwithstanding the Respiration continues free. Of this there are several Accidental Causes reckon'd up, as the Compression, Obstruction, Refrigeration, and Concussion of Brain; the Disorder of the Animal Spirits, by any Blow or Fall; the hurting of the Muscle of the Temples, and Carotid Arteries, Worms, Coal, Smoak, and sometimes the Rays of the Moon's Light. But the most general Cause of this Distemper is Phlegm (under which Word we comprehend all Watry, Cold and moist Excretions of the Brain) which being immoderately Coagulated in the Head, and not only Obstructed in the Passages designed for its Evacuation, but likewise Suppressed, must necessarily bring a Deluge of Cold Humors upon the Brain and so cause this profound Sleep and Stupidity. *Forestus* tells us of one who was Seized with a *Gatus* for Fourteen Days, whom notwithstanding he afterwards Cured. And *Fernelius* saw another that was scarce free from it, for Three whole Months together; and tho' his Scull was opened in that Time, yet he neither percieved nor remembred any Thing of it.

Q. Gentlemen, *How come it to pass that the Right Hand of a Man is generally more Nimble, Active and Strong than the Left?*

A. Because the Right Hand has in it more Heat, which is the Principle of Strength and Activity. And the Reason why it has more Heat is because it is not only on the same side with the Right Ventricle of the Heart, in which the Blood is more Hot and quick in motion; nor only because the Liver which is the Source of the Blood is more near to it than the other Hand; nor only, as *Hippocrates* observes, because the Veins of all the Parts of the Right side of the Body are fuller and larger than the other; but also and especially because the Right Hand is placed on that side which always ought first to begin to move. For as the Animal Spirits are the Instruments of all the Actions of the Body, and as Nature Furnisheth those Parts most Plentifully with them where their Force is most required, it is not to be doubted but the right side partakes of the greater Quantity of them. Hence it comes that those Parts of the Right side which are of no Service to the Motion of the Body, do notwithstanding partake of that Force and Vigor which was designed for the Promoting this Action only. For the Right Eye is more Strong and Exact than the Left; and generally Speaking most Distempers that Affect the Body begin usually on the Left side, which are less Hot, and consequently Weaker than the other.

Q. Gentlemen, *Why are Widows more forward to Marry than Maids?*

Yours, L. T.

A. They who have had good Husbands, are Tempted into the State again, by the Happiness they Enjoy'd before. They, who have had bad ones, by Habit with them, are not so Fearful of Meeting with the like, and have a Chance for a better, and then their Felicity will be advanced, on the Reflection upon their former Unhappiness: Thus a Fair Prize Tempts many into a Lottery, tho' great odds against them that they may be loosers: Besides the Widows may be Conscious, that if they shou'd again have bad Husbands, they may find what may in some Measure Compensate for the Ill Fortune, the bare hinting whereof, is sufficient to the Apprehensive. But Maids are possess'd with a Panic Fear of entring upon a State, they are wholly Strangers to.

Q. *Whether going into the Water, Weakens or Strengthens Person?* *Yours* &c.

A. It Strengthens and Renders the Body hardy whilst in Child-hood and Youth and Practised by Advice of such, who are Proper Judges of the Constitutions, and State of such Persons Bodies; but such Customs debilitate Aged and Infirm People; the Reasons are Obvious.

Q. APOLLO, *It is above a Month since I desir'd your Advice in a most Deplorable Case under the Name of* Doloroso, *&c.*

A. By what Accident soever the Miscarriage might happen, we assure you we do not remember any such Letter came to our Hands, but if you please to send the Substance of it again, and if it be fit for the Publick and not too long, we shall return an Answer.

Q. Gentlemen, *Pray, tell me the Reason why a* Chequer *is plac'd at* Ale-House *Doors?*

Yours, John Wyat.

A. This was Answered in a former Volume, to which our Index will direct you.

POEMS.

Q. APPOLO *I would advised be*
And know of thee if I am free
From one I a'o love as my life
And of't vow'd she should be my Wife
And we two did so well agree
That before God most true to be
We often swore nothing should part
Us two but death we'd but one heart
But cruelty it doth invade
My parents thay do me perswade
And I would pleas them but it's still
With fear and much against my will
For fear that I should never thrive
I'm swore to be hurs wilest a live
As that is true then after death
I fear tould be wores then on earth
She is not willing to set me clear
And without hur will i'm still in fear
Therefore I desire to know of thee
If without hur leave I can be free

And

And as I could venter for hur ſake
What is the beſt way for to take
So if ſenceirly you adviſe what is beſt
With your grave counſel i'll be at reſt

A. Alas! alas! it is in vain,
To hope to free thee from Love's Chain;
Or if Love's Chain's above thy Taſt,
Love's Halter will hold thee as faſt.
Nay more, we Reaſons have enough,
To Fear thou art Plung'd in Love's Slough;
Since all thy Thoughts as Muddy ſeem,
As if thou w'rt in Lethargic Dream:
And what's worſe yet Ten Thouſand Times,
Thou nought can'ſt Write, but Wicked Rhimes:
Thoſe true Enthuſiaſtic Fits,
Of Morta's run out of their Wits.
Excuſe us then if we don't Stickle,
To get the out o'this Scurvey Pickle.
Since if we granted thy deſire,
Thy Miſtreſs ſtill wou'd be i'th' Mire;
Who will not part with her dear Cudden,
Leaſt it ſhou'd break her Heart o'th' ſudden,
And we're engag'd to give our Votes,
For any Thing in Petticoats:
Beſides, ſince ſhe ſuch Charms thinks in ye,
It ſhews ſhe's ſuch another Ninny;
And which as plainly does diſcover,
That ye were made for one another;
Fear not your Friends, in vain they'll ply,
To part thoſe, join'd by Deſtiny.

Q. *Since the* God *I revere,*
To whoſe Oracles *clear,*
We owe what Inſtructs and Delights,
I'll boldly Petition,
(First Stating Condition)
Redreſs for my Troubleſome Nights.

Having Acted no Wrong,
To my Knowledg, among
The various Affairs of my Life;
My Hours Slide away,
With Eaſe ev'ry Day,
I'm a Stranger to Faction or Strife.

I'm not very Poor,
Nor bound in much Store,
To Peſter my Noddle with Thought;
Nor do I Repine,
At the more Rich, or Fine,
Content with my Moderate Lot.

What freedoms I uſe,
Ne'er m u ts to abuſe,
Exceſs turns Pleaſure to Will;
Nor do I neglect,
That Church to Reſpect,
Which Heav'n *has bleſt in this* Iſle.

I care not a Fig,
Whether Tory *or* Whig,
Sits at the Helm *of Affairs;*
So the Queen *and the* Church,
Are not left in the Lurch,
They Heartily ſhare in my Prayers.

No Caprice of ſprite,
Or Goblin by Night,
Awake, confounds me with Care;
Nor was I appall'd,
When Honour *has call'd,*
My Arm to Action in War.

But yet when oppreſs'd,
Nature's Dictates to reſt,
Horrid Viſions my Fancy alarm;
Confus'd, Incoherent,
And changing each Moment,
But always in ſome hideous Form.

Bright Delians *excuſe,*
A heavy pac'd Muſe,
Nor ſlight a poor Suff'rer therefore;
But kindly adviſe,
How to reſt with clos'd Eyes;
Since for ev'ry Why *you've a* Wherefore?

A. We've anſwer'd before,
What now you explore;
And the Cauſes of *Dreams* have explain'd,
Amongſt which you'll find,
Such as trouble the Mind,
While their Images there be retain'd.

Since they which with dread,
Fly over your Head,
From nothing without do begin,
For the Cauſe you muſt look,
In a narrower Book,
And then you will find it within.

From Meals which are windy,
Or ſuch as will bind ye,
From whence Vapours flow like a Flood,
Or when, (tho' you eat)
You digeſt not your Meat,
Or from a deprav'd Maſs of Blood.

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SIR,

THE Letters from *Milan*, of the 23d of *Auguſt* Adviſe, that it was Confirm'd from Genoa, that the Squadron of the Allies, have

have taken Water at Vado, and receiv'd some Troops on board, Sail'd for Barcelona the 14th. They Write from *Brussels*, *Sept.* 6th. That the Freshest Advices from Madrid being of the 19th of August, they cou'd not bring a Confirmation of the Second Battle, which according to the Letter of the Marquis de Mirabella (Tranmitted the last Post from Paris by the Neutral Ministers residing there) was Fought on the 20th near Saragossa. That these Advices from Madrid Confirm that Count Staremberg had made himself Master of Moçon, Huesca, Sarinnena and Estadilla, taking the Garrisons Prisoners of War; and that all Arragon had Submitted to him. The Printed Gazette of Madrid of the 19th of August, has an Account of an Action near Penalva in Arragon on the 15th. The Letters from the Camp of the Allies at *Lillers*, *Sept.* 3d. Advise that Yesterday the Army Marched hither from the Camp at Viller Bruslin, that to Morrow they will March agen, and the Duke of Marlborough will take up his Quarters at St. Andre, within half a League of Aire. That the same Day 8000 Men were Detach'd to secure the Posts about Aire and St. Venant, and they have an Account already that the Party which went towards Aire have Siez'd a Post within a League of it, where were 200 Men. 'Tis said the Duke of Marlborough and Prinde Eugene will Command the Attacks against Aire, and that another General will make the Siege of St. Venant: The first these Places has a Garrison of 14 Battallions, and 2 Regiments of Dragoons, and in the other are 6 Battallions. The Enemies Army continue in their Intrench'd Camp covering Arras.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

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